

Federation of State Medical Boards

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FSMB - The Organization & its Mission

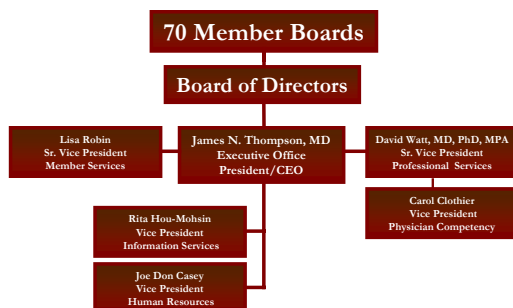
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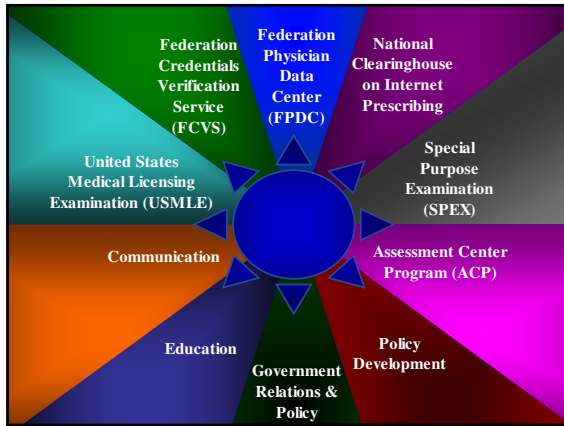
- 70 member state medical boards
- Non-Profit Association, founded 1912
- Located in Dallas/Fort Worth

Mission

Continual improvement in the quality, safety and integrity of health care through the development and promotion of high standards for physician licensure and practice.

Organizational Chart





United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)

- Goal: Provide a common evaluation system for initial medical licensure in the United States
- Three-step examination sponsored by FSMB and the National Board of Medical Examiners
- Content developed by physician experts from academic and regulatory communities

USMLE - FSMB's Responsibilities

- Participate in governance (Composite Committee, Step Committees)
- Register and verify eligibility of physicians applying to take Step 3
- Maintain score history for physicians completing the USMLE
 - ◆ transcript annotations (indeterminate, irregular behavior, special testing accommodations)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS)

- Goal: create and maintain a high quality, permanent file of a physician's core credentials for use in meeting licensure and privileging requirements
- Benefits:
 - ◆ Expedites endorsement licensure
 - ◆ Decreases costs to physician and SMB
 - ◆ Reduces duplication of effort by physician and SMB

FCVS (continued)

- Key features of FCVS
 - ◆ Primary source verification (identity, medical education, PGT, exam history, ECFMG certification, board action history, ABMS board certification)
 - ◆ Discrepancies identified and summarized
 - ◆ Profiles may be tailored to needs of SMB
 - ◆ Board reserves right to reject/deny
 - ◆ License portability (TA/CLAF/FCVS)

Web Based Verifications



Physician Data Center

- Goal: Provide comprehensive, accurate timely and centralized disciplinary information
- Board Action Data Bank (BADB)
 - ◆ Collects and reports data on disciplinary actions taken against physicians and physician assistants by medical boards and other authorities
 - ◆ Querying – www.drdata.org
 - ◆ Annual Data Compilation Release
- All Licensed Physicians Information
 - ◆ Consolidated physician information
 - ◆ Disciplinary action alert
 - ◆ Public access – www.docinfo.org

Policy Development (available at www.fsmb.org)

- Since 1995, FSMB has developed and published 22 policy documents to assist and support state medical boards. (Complete list provided with handout)
- Available on the FSMB website (www.fsmb.org). Printed copies can be obtained by contacting FSMB Communications Department. (e-mail pubs@fsmb.org or phone (817) 868-4076

Government Relations & Policy

- FSMB monitors federal and state legislation relating to medical regulation
- FSMB identifies legislative trends, develops medical regulation policies, facilitates communication between states on legislative issues, drafts statutory language and legislative testimony, and assists with legislative strategies
- FSMB government relations staff is available to assist member boards in proposing or influencing legislative initiatives
